

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
DECISION RECORD

Skyline Drive Parking Area Right-of-Way
DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2016-0060-DNA

Introduction

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to grant a Right-of-Way (ROW) to itself authorizing the construction, use, maintenance, and termination /restoration of a parking area on BLM-administered public lands located at the end of Skyline Drive in Three Rivers, California.

The purpose of the parking area is to provide safe, suitable public access for recreational use of the Case Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA) while reducing the impacts of this access on the adjacent residential area. The need for the parking is to resolve unsafe and problematic parking and public access situation occurring at the terminus of Skyline Drive.

The purpose of the action is to authorize the construction of a parking area. The action is needed to respond to Bakersfield Field Office's application for a right-of-way.

The BLM authority for authorization of parking areas on BLM-administered lands is 43 CFR 2800 and Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, as amended.

Decision and Rationale

It is my decision to grant the Right-of-Way (ROW) to the Bakersfield Field Office for the construction, use, maintenance, and restoration of a parking area on BLM-administered public lands located at the end of Skyline Drive in Three Rivers, California. The location, design, construction, and maintenance of this parking area were analyzed in the Case Mountain Potential Craig Ranch Acquisition Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2013-0199-EA), which resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact. The granting of this ROW for this parking area was fully analyzed in that EA and there are no new circumstances or information that would alter the validity of that analysis or its conclusions.

This parking area would provide safe, suitable public access for recreational use of the Case Mountain ERMA and resolve an unsafe and problematic parking and public access situation occurring at the terminus of Skyline Drive that is impacting the adjacent residential area. The granting of the ROW authorizes the construction of this parking area.

Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Policies, and Land Use Plans

This action complies with all laws, regulations, and policies, and conforms to the Bakersfield Resource Management Plan (RMP) because it is clearly consistent with the RMP goals,

objectives and decisions as they relate to providing public access and recreational opportunities to the Case Mountain ERMA, as follows:

LR-G-1 *Provide lands, interest in land, and authorizations for public and private uses while maintaining and improving resource values and public land administration to the extent consistent with federal law.*

LR-O-2 *Meet public, private, and Federal agency needs for realty-related land use authorizations and land withdrawals ... to the extent consistent with federal law.*

LR-O-3 *Increase public access to public lands when consistent with other resource objectives.*

RVS-G-1 *Support growing demand for recreation access to public lands and maintain a diversity of recreation opportunities promoting a multiple use philosophy.*

RVS-D-5 Management Activities: *Develop suitable facilities to support use at parking/staging areas.*

Administrative Remedies

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825.

/s/ Gabriel Garcia
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4/21/2016
Date